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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (FUKUDA, TAKEO) JA, US, PEPR

SUBJECT: FUKUDA VISIT: AMBASSADOR'S LUNCHEON WITH ARITA

REF: TOKYO 5831

1. IN COURSE OF REGULAR MONTHLY LUNCHEON WITH AMBASSADOR,
VICE FOREIGN MINISTER ARITA RAISED FOLLOWING ISSUES
RELATING TO FUKUDA VISIT:

2. NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY: ARITA SAID THERE WAS CONCERN
WITHIN GOJ AS TO POTENTIAL EFFECT ON JAPANESE NUCLEAR
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND US-JAPAN RELATIONS OF NEW NON-
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PROLIFERATION LEGISLATION. GOJ WAS STILL STUDYING NNPA
IN EFFORT TO UNDERSTAND ITS DETAILS AND GAUGE IMPACT. HE
THOUGHT PRIME MINISTER MIGHT WELL WISH TO DISCUSS THIS
SUBJECT BRIEFLY DURING VISIT (REFTEL), IN EFFORT TO GAIN
BOTH CLARIFICATION OF NNPA MEANING AND REASSURANCE AS TO
US INTENT VIS-A-VIS JAPAN.

3. CIVIL AVIATION: ARITA THOUGHT FUKUDA WOULD ALSO FEEL IT NECESSARY TO RAISE QUESTION OF CIVIL AVIATION NEGOTIATIONS. PRIME MINISTER RECOGNIZED THAT SUBJECT COULD NOT BE DISCUSSED IN DETAIL AND THAT ESSENTIAL DIFFERENCES WOULD NOT BE RESOLVED IN BRIEF MEETING WITH PRESIDENT. NONETHELESS, HE WOULD PROBABLY WANT TO PUT IT ON RECORD, AND BE ABLE TO NOTE THAT THERE WAS AGREEMENT TO CONTINUE OUR NEGOTIATIONS.

4. AID TO EGYPT: REFERRING TO PAST USG EFFORTS TO SOLICIT AID FOR EGYPT, ARITA TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT, IF THERE WAS STILL NEED AND US SO DESIRED, GOJ WAS PREPARED TO INCREASE ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT IN LINE WITH ITS GENERAL POLICY OF EXPANDING FOREIGN AID. MANSFIELD UNQUOTE VANCE

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